

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Zimmerman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 9, 2014. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-absent, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-absent, Mr. Mark Pausch-present.

Also present: Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, and Attorney Tim Beck.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Zimmerman congratulated the winners of the election. The Mayor noted that the DOT took care of the Scenic Byway signs. The Mayor announced that the SCGOA reception at the League conference has moved to Caesar's on Wednesday night at 8:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2014. Bremner moved to approve the minutes as amended and Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open to public comment, hearing none the floor was immediately closed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated November 17, 2014 was presented for approval. Donahue moved to approve all vouchers except vouchers 8256. Motion seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Donahue moved to approve voucher 8256, Hallman seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: Bremner

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector, October 2014

Court Administrator, October 2014

Water Department, October 2014

Bremner moved to accept the reports, Hallman seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

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Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – J. Donahue. Plans to discuss IT issues while at League conference in Atlantic City.

Buildings & Grounds – T. Bremner. The phone in the elevator is working. The Nursery School signed the lease. The building passed inspection by the State for use by the Nursery School.

Finance & Insurance – M. Pausch. No report.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – Report delivered via email by P. Kartsonis. 2nd constable Diane Dineen has been trained and is performing the constable duties. Constable summary: 2 parking tickets (limited due to Downtown development project), traffic direction at Library event, downtown fire and Halloween event, Nixle update provided on Downtown project on 11/4, First Aid team will schedule training on the Borough Hall AED – thanks to Tom Bremner, working on finalizing the OEM Specialist position – expect to share at first meeting in January, will conduct Nixle training in January as new appointments are made.

Streets & Roads – C. Hallman. Castoro was out on Friday, November 14th and dug where there was supposed to be a water main leak on Crescent Ave., but they did not find a leak. It was discovered at that time that there is a second water line in the street. On November 7th and 10th local roads were striped. All speed bumps, crosswalks and stop bars were supposed to be done. No County roads were painted. Work continues on the sidewalks, particularly at the intersections. Benches, bollards and crossing signs will go in soon. Complaints continue about roots being cut. Ms. Hallman believes an arborist should look at them to make sure they are protected for the winter. Still working to resolve sewer problem at Cann property. We have been contacted about switching streetlights to more efficient bulbs. This will be pursued with PSE&G at the League conference.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – No report.

Council Representative to Planning Board – C. Hallman. The Planning Board met briefly to vote to approve the Resolution to move the zoning line for 25 Washington St.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee – C. Hallman. The Community Group had a stellar turnout of 40 people on Saturday for a discussion of the Rocky Hill archives. Ms. Hallman believes a Founder's Day event centered on the archives would be of interest to the community.

Council Representative to Board of Health – M. Pausch. The Board of Health contract with the County will see an increase of 2% next year, but will include vaccines for the rabies clinic and the flu clinic. The owner of the Princeton North Shopping Center has refused to move the salt structure adjacent to the Borough water tower, but the Health Department says it poses no imminent danger. The raccoon incident is closed.

Zoning Official's Report – No report.

Grants Committee – T. Bremner. Mr. Bremner discussed the 2013 County Grant with the architects. Electrical and structural work will be done with money left over. The extra money could be used to put a sump bump in the basement.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Discussion of Rocky Hill Board of Health contract with Somerset County Department of Health

The Council discussed the contract, including the 2% increase in cost and the agreement of the County to provide vaccines.

Donahue made a motion in support of the Board of Health contract with the Somerset County Department of Health. Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

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**Approval of Towing Licenses for 2015
Somerset Hills Towing
Dependable Motors
Stewarts Towing**

Hallman moved to approve the towing licenses for the listed towing companies. Bremner seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Approving an Application to the State of New Jersey State Fireman's Association for Jared Simmons
Bremner moved to approve the application. Hallman seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.
For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch
Against: None
Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-84: Authorizing an Agreement with Baumley Nursery, LLC for the Purchase and Installation of Trees at the Corner of Montgomery Ave. and Rt. 518.

The Mayor asked that the plans be reviewed by Borough Planner Lee before the trees are planted.

Hallman moved to approve the resolution as amended, Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-88: Ratifying the Councils' Decision to Purchase an Ad in the Community Directory

Bremner moved to approve the resolution, Pausch seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-89: Cancelling Grant and Current Funds

Tabled

Resolution 2014-90: Authorizing a Budget Transfer

Donahue moved to approve the resolution, Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hallman, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance 2014-08: Possible Introduction: An Ordinance Codifying the Existing Land Development Regulations of the Borough of Rocky Hill

Bremner moved to introduce the Ordinance, Hallman seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Kartsonis

Against: None

Abstain: None

Public Hearing set for December 1, 2014.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave., asked when the chain to stop cars from driving in the Green Acres will be installed. The Mayor answered that it should be this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Hallman with a second by Donahue to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Christine Witt
Deputy Borough

November 17, 2014

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8252	12 - ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 5106 Borough Hall cleaning October 2014	200.00	200.00
8253	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 5102 Legal Advertising	77.24	77.24
8254	547 - Comcast	PO 5098 Phone & internet	305.42	305.42
8255	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 5109 Legal fees	1,936.00	1,936.00
8256	82 - ROCKY HILL FIRST AID SQUAD	PO 5097 Rocky Hill First Aid Squad Reimburs	8,390.70	8,390.70
8257	122 - KENCOR INC	PO 5100 Elevator repair	785.00	785.00
8258	122 - KENCOR INC	PO 5101 Elevator pressure test	475.00	475.00
8259	148 - MARY JACOBS LIBRARY	PO 5089 annual contribution 2014	12,500.00	12,500.00
8260	555 - Mulchsupply.com	PO 5110 Mulch for Municipal Building	104.95	104.95
8261	173 - N J League of Municipalities	PO 5090 NJLM Conference Registration: Zimme	65.00	65.00
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8263	173 - N J League of Municipalities	PO 5108 League Lunch	200.00	200.00
8264	210 - PSE&G	PO 5092 Panicaro Park electric	13.10	13.10
8265	210 - PSE&G	PO 5094 Municipal building electric	357.45	357.45
8266	210 - PSE&G	PO 5095 Crescent Point Park electric	7.20	7.20
8267	210 - PSE&G	PO 5096 Street lights	701.22	701.22
8268	319 - REPUBLIC SERVICES #865	PO 5099 Garbage collection	3,808.49	3,808.49
8269	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5105 Board of Health County fees	1,013.58	1,013.58
8270	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 5116 Police Service September 10, 2014 t	4,889.03	4,889.03
8271	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 5111 Engineering services September 2014	8,757.25	8,757.25
8272	291 - VITAL SERVICES GROUP	PO 5115 Estimated Postage & Handling for 20	94.18	94.18
TOTAL				44,745.81

List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6955	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 5112 Water Dept. testing	10.00	10.00
6956	37 - CASTORO & CO INC	PO 5080 Repair of water leak on Crescent Av	9,419.00	9,419.00
6957	380 - HANS OLSEN	PO 5113 Water Dept. maintenance	50.00	50.00
6958	163 - MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP	PO 5103 3rd Installment of the 2014 Sewer	42,517.75	42,517.75
6959	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 5107 Postage machine rental	29.00	29.00
6960	210 - PSE&G	PO 5093 Water Dept. electric	1,471.72	1,471.72
6961	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 5114 Water Dept. maintenance	190.00	190.00
6962	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 5111 Engineering services September 2014	66.50	66.50
TOTAL				53,753.97

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

53,753.97

53,753.97

RESOLUTION 2014 - 84

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough owns a piece of property at the corner of Montgomery Avenue and Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, the property needs some landscaping; and

WHEREAS, two quotes were requested to do these plantings as follows:

Baumley Nursery, LLC	\$1,763.00
Kale's Nursery	\$1,979.00

; and

WHEREAS, the quote that is most advantageous is from Baumley Nursery in the amount of \$1,763.00; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That landscaping is purchased and installed on the corner of Montgomery Avenue and Washington Street as per the attached quote for an amount not to exceed \$1,763.00.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. That before planting trees the plans will be reviewed by the Borough Planner.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman,
Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from:_____.

Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on November 3, 2014.

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2014-88

WHEREAS, at the November 3, 2014 meeting of the Borough Council the Council discussed purchasing an ad in the Community Directory; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ad would be to advertise volunteer opportunities that are regularly available within the Borough; and

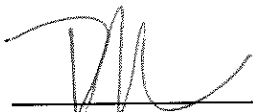
WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing the ad would be \$250.00, and

WHEREAS, the Council felt that purchasing this ad would be advantageous for the Borough.

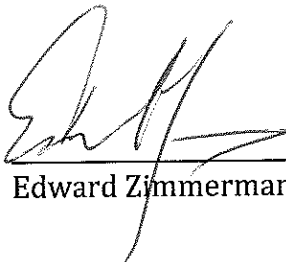
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the decision to purchase an ad in the Community Directory for \$250.00 is hereby ratified.

Adopted: November 13, 2014

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk



Edward Zimmerman, Mayor

2014-90

BE IT RESOLVED on this 17th day of November, 2014 by the Borough Council for the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, that from the surplus balance in the 2014 budget appropriations transfers be made as follows:

CURRENT FUND: Inside the CAP to Inside the CAP
Operating Expenses and Salaries & Wages

<u>Title</u>		Transfer <u>From</u>	Transfer <u>To</u>
Mayor and Council	OE		500.00
Surety Bonds	OE		2,900.00
Liability Ins	OE		400.00
Prosecutor	OE		500.00
Recycling	OE		8,370.00
Court	OE		600.00
General Admin	OE	5,000.00	
Planning Board	OE	3,000.00	
PERS	OE	1,127.00	
Police	OE	4,143.00	
TOTAL		\$13,270.00	\$13,270.00

Adopted: 11/17/14

ATTEST:

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

Edward Zimmerman, Mayor